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DIRECTORS LOOK AHEAD IN DECEMBER MEETING

Plans for future activities took up the greater part of their time when the Directors of the Sierra Club met in San Francisco last Saturday. With many pre-war leaders returning to the Club and its varied interests--former Directors Brower, Clark, and Leonard were in attendance at the meeting and Ike Livermore almost got there--and with each of the standing committees either reviving or expanding its own function, a full program is assured for the coming year.

Chapter reports; programs of Outing, Visual Education, Winter Sports, Library, Tappaan Lodge, and Lodge Committees; discussion by Mr. Hutchison (of the Forest Service) of forest closures; reports of various other committees; and discussion of the recommended amendments to the Club By-Laws; all made for a full and interesting day.

Outing Plans Revealed

A somewhat different pattern for future High Trips was announced--henceforth the trips will be limited to 125 at any one time, but will extend for six weeks (four-week limit, please!). Dick Leonard, in explaining the reasons for the change, pointed out that we have come dangerously near to saturation in the use of High Sierra grazing areas, and that the new plan will permit more people to travel through the mountains (750 man-weeks as against the former 700) in the course of a summer, yet not put such a strain on the grazing resources. In addition to the traditional High Trip, there will also be a Base Camp, as many Burro Trips as demand requires, and a "Cache-and-Carry" Trip which will be so worked out as to make possible a 20-pound knapsack maximum.

New Motion Pictures Coming Up

Speaking of outings--the mountains are to come more easily to Mahomets everywhere through new motion pictures proposed by the Visual Education Committee. (cont. p. 6)

THE FOREST CLOSURE ISSUE

By Arthur H. Blake

The action of the Forest Service om closing areas of high fire hazard during the driest months in the year in some coastal and Southern California National Forests has been made a controversial issue by some who disagree with that policy (see Yodeler for November 19).

I believe, therefore, that the subject deserves further consideration by all who read my column. (This signed column, by the way, is an expression of my own opinions and observations, and does not necessarily reflect the official views of the Sierra Club or its new Conservation Committee)

It was a bit startling to me to be charged simultaneously by Congressman Outland and by Harry C. James with being misinformed on the subject; but I welcome their opinions, since I have taken it for granted that most readers consider me pretty well informed on National Forest and Park policies. I see I shall have to keep on my toes, lest the skeptics prove too numerous!

Reasons for Forest Simple

To save a lot of wordage: the reason for our National Forests is to conserve our timber supply and to protect and augment the water supply which--in California as in many western states--is the lifeblood of our existence.

Recreational activities enjoyed in National Forest areas (hiking or hunting, camping or mountain climbing) are incidental--and, as a matter of fact, are so regarded by a Congress which is never over-generous with appropriations, even for the most necessary service of all, fire protection.

Having lived in Southern California as a small boy, and still retaining a vivid recollection of fires raging week after week in the San Bernardinos, I did not need the Forest Service's (cont. p. 6)

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IT SEEMS TO US--

000 We probably speak for every one of the three hundred and seventy-two* Sierrans who attended the Annual Dinner and Dance last Saturday when we say, "Well done, Cy! And many thanks!"

For Cy and his committee did a wonderful job, and everyone enjoyed the evening tremendously.

Being chairman for the event is never easy under the best of conditions--but when you have to underbake the first such affair in several long and bitter years; when plans are started so late that even finding a place to hold the dinner is a serious problem; when food and services and transportation still haven't come out from the cloud of large and obscuring question marks--well, then it's a really big headache.

We mustn't forget, of course, that Cy had a good committee to share the headache with him. Everyone on the Bay Chapter's 1945 Ex. Committee had a part to play--some bigger than others, but all carried out well--in making the arrangements. But the main responsibility was still Cy's, and he carried it off with truly excellent results. We're grateful.

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* No, no discrepancy. The hotel people (fortunately) upped their original estimate of how many they could handle. (Which was a good thing, wasn't it?)

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

Yodeleditor:

Because we couldn't be with the rest of you for the Annual Dinner, we Sierra Club members of Fresno met here at my home on December 1. We had dinner and then Dr. McKim of Fresno State College showed Kodachrome slides of the Evolution region in the Sierra. He explained the geology of the area, especially the glaciation. We learned a lot, and enjoyed the beautiful pictures.

We plan to meet once a month; this was our first meeting. January 13 we will climb Table Mountain, February we will go to Tulare Lake to see the birds, and we plan to see the desert in April. So you see we have finally started our group.

Present at the first meeting were Betty and Haven Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. Otho L. Gaither, Mrs. and Mrs. Carl Scheerer, Mrs. C. P. Claypool, Julia Gross, Zenaide Hall, Emily Chambers, and Miss Elizabeth Robinson. Miss Marian Hart and Miss Irma Weill couldn't come at the last minute, and about eight others had previous engagements or went to the Annual Dinner.

Encouraging, isn't it? We will have a great bunch down here.

You may be interested in these excerpts from a letter by one Fresnoan. He explained that business kept him from attending this meeting, then went on:

"You can count on my co-operation at any time in furthering the Club's purposes, particularly in their conservation work. Lord knows we need organization to stop indiscriminate road building into our Sierra with the resultant destruction of wilderness areas and wild life. I am afraid if the Chamber of Commerce had its way, there would be a night club on top of Half Dome, a road to the top of Whitney, a four-lane highway to Florence Lake, and roads up every fork of the Kings River."

We appreciate the Yodeler. --Jean Hall

EMBLEMS FOR KNAPSACKS SOON AVAILABLE

Larry Enos reports that the Sierra Club emblem is being made up in a cloth badge which can be used either on knapsack or jacket, and that the finished product should be ready for sale very soon.

The insigne is made up on washable blue twill, with the mountains and lettering in black and the tree in green and brown. The whole is four inches in height, and suitable for knapsack decoration or as shoulder patch. It will sell for $1.05; handled by Local Walks Committee members.

by Harriet T. Parsons and Vivian Schagen

Three hundred and seventy-three Sierra Club members poured into the Whitcomb Hotel Saturday evening for the first Annual Dinner since 1942--

A wonderful and marvelous occasion which we are powerless to describe adequately. If you were there you know--if you weren't you can't really know, but you can imagine a kaleidoscope of people from high trips, rock climbs, hikes and ski trips--people you hadn't seen for years--people you had--people you'd heard about but hadn't met before--and a happiness inexpressible prvading the whole. The glad smiles placed end to end made a beam long and wide enough to reach to all the great Club fellowship, and illuminate for them the scene of warmth and color in the Crystal Room: fragrant, green boughs mingled with red, white and blue festoons on the walls--cones and evergreen sprays and red berries on each table--the bright dresses and flowers moving about. And best of all, the deep sense of pride and thankfulness with which we looked around at the many members, men and women, who had returned from service in the armed forces.

Crystal Room Gazing

The special decorations on some of the tables: perfect circles of coiled rope for one group of rock climbers, and for another, tiny climbing figures on which Dorothy Hill spent ten minutes arranging correct rope technique in string--the miniature desert scene and cactus pot place cards on the Jim Barbours' table--the Natural Science Section's array of cones all properly labelled and arranged by John Thomas Howell--the uncommon Coast Hemlock

the rocks from near Parsons Lodge) at the speakers' table. The long-and-short-of-it when "Tiny" Wale and Dick Burnley strolled across the room, and Paul Schagen's surprise at finding he had to look up at Dick. Barby Bedayn's joy at receiving a wire from Raffi announcing his arrival in the Bay Area (just fifteen hours late for the dinner).

Speech Keynotes

Duncan McDuffie introduced (Doctor?--Professor?--Lieutenant-Colonel?) Joel Hildebrand, genial master of ceremonies, who in his turn gave succinct appreciation of our President's achievements as mountaineer, conservationist and Sierra Club member. Dick Leonard's graphic glimpses of the development and use of proper outdoor and mountain equipment for the Army (and the unfortunate occurrences caused by its lack in some campaigns)--Lewis Clark disclaimed his title of Beer Baron of Samoa but gave a delightful vision of palms in South Seas moonlight changing to hemlocks around Evolution Lake in his thoughts of home--Ike Livermore: mules, mules, mules--and he never spent more than six weeks in one place in his Army and Navy career--Dave Brower, whose mountain equipment never quite caught up with his Mountain Infantry, but who credited much of the Tenth Division's success to Sierra Club and mountain troop training--Fritz Lippman's brief talk as "Tail-End Charlie."

A letter of greeting from Newton Drury, Director of the National Park Service, who was unable to be with us, was read by Major O. A. Tomlinson, Regional Director. Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Law Olmsted (he is consultant and landscape architect for the Park Service), and the Eivind Scoyens, good friends from New Mexico, took a bow.

After the talks, activity was divided between dancing in the Crystal Room, chatting in the lobby and exchanging bits of news from near and far, and viewing the varied program of slides and movies in the Corinthian Hall.

Our deepest gratitude to the entire Dinner Committee, which functioned superbly to make this joyous occasion an unqualified success.

FOR SALE: Pair new 7-foot ridge-top skis, complete with Kandahar bindings and poles. Harriet Foster, 534 Alameda, Redwood City; Phone Redwood City 872-J

" THE SOCIAL CLIMBER "

You might have thought the word had got about that a photographer was to be on hand--except that no one seemed particularly anxious to get in the pictures. You might have thought that something super in the way of weather had drawn 'em out in such droves--except that the weather wasn't really very good. You perhaps concluded eventually that Dick Leonard's return to familiar haunts had something to do with the abnormally large attendance at the climb at Cragmont a week ago--and that is probably as important a reason as any.

At any rate, there were over forty RCS members and guests on hand either to observe or to take part in the climbing, and to partake of a delicious dinner at the Leonards' house later on, finally winding up with a showing of Dick's Kodachromes from Burma and environs. These last, by the way--when accompanied by Dick's own uncensored (or, at least, less censored) narrative--prove more thrilling than a novice's first rope-down over an overhang. More than one shudder rippled through the audience as Dick described EEIS prowling through mined and booby-trapped jungle or driving the "Burma Express" (a railroad box-car drawn by a jeep with flanged wheels but without brakes) headlong and unlighted through the night along a track on which possible strolling water buffalo were no less dangerous than probable Jap patrols.

Many Old-Timers Present

The day's instruction and climbing program was one of the best of recent months, but what made it a very special event was the great number of old-time climbers who either visited or participated. A quick glance around showed not only such active newcomers as Oscar Cook, Sandy Tepfer, Sam Sherrill and such standby members as Bill Horsfall and Dorothy Hill. It took in such returnees as Bob Hansen (and Eleanor), Fritz Lippmann, De Witt Allen (and Muriel), Jack Arnold. We can't add up to forty here, but there was a crowd.

To be sure, climbing activities were interrupted to some extent by the demanding presence of photographer Ron Partridge, whose unflagging enthusiasm had another group posed doing something else every time the sun came out from behind intermittent clouds. But the climbers who were cooperative enough to perform for his benefit (and what definite ideas Ron had as to what he wanted!) will someday be rewarded by seeing their own pictures in color on a magazine page!

" LOMA PRIETA PRATTLE'S "

Christmas Party Set for December 22!

SAVE THIS DATE! With Hildreth Kotsch at the helm, the Entertainment Committee is full speed ahead for Christmas this year to welcome not only the perennial St. Nick but--more important--our returning veterans.

It will be held again this year at the Mayfield Library (a party--not a dinner), and plans include pictures, games and singing, followed by dancing (not exclusively folk dancing, we're assured!).

The party is limited to members and their families, and Bay Chapter brethren are especially invited. Postcard announcements soon out to L.P.ans--Bay Chapter members please ask Virginia Ferguson for details.

P.S.: Anyone who can help with the decorations on Saturday afternoon, the 22nd, at Mayfield Library, please tell Hildreth Kotsch--Rt. 5, Box 446, San Jose.

L. P. Scout reports

--That an L.P. contingent of fifteen adorned (?) the Loma Prieta table at the Annual Dinner last Saturday night. Reading from left to right, there were the Lewises, the Horns, the Olivers, Frank Duveneck, Lucy Hall, Bob Zink, Anice Brooks, Harvey Dowling, Frances Dieterich, Dave Davidson, and the Kinkades. But oh me--no waitress!

After frantic but vain attempts to catch the eye of one (or make eyes at??) Hulme Kinkade saved the day by going out to the kitchen and producing not only service but a liveried waiter with gold braid'n' everything. Of course the dinner tasted much, much better.

--That last Sunday's trip to Eastman Estate wasn't. Meaning to Eastman Estate. The wetness under foot bogged down the trail idea, so instead the gang chose Bear Gulch Road as a good substitute, following it all the way to Skyline and eating lunch in a grassy meadow. Leader Kenneth Meserole had to leave early, so turned over his 7 charges to capable Sam French. Dave Davidson, Shirley French, Harvey Dowling, the Gielows, and Hildreth Kotsch were the fortunates who got out to walk off their Thanksgiving turkey. -- DLK

NATURAL SCIENCE SECTION

Wading through the Zoo

Yes, we waded through the zoo on Saturday, November 24, guided by Mr. Homer Snow of the Fleishhacker Park staff. It was fun! Highlight of our trip was a personal introduction to "Flipper" who, at Mr. Snow's command, jumped out of the seal pool and over two fences to greet us. Mr. Snow put the seals through their customary afternoon performance while we watched from the shelter of dripping umbrellas. In the pachyderm building, the hippopotamus was cavorting with such activity that we were thankful for the protection of the heavy iron grill between us and its pool.

After leaving the zoo we had a merry dinner party at the Eth-El-Bert.

Annual Dinner

The NSS table at the Annual Dinner came in for much favorable comment because it was lovely to look upon, unique and instructive. Out of an artistic wreath made of cones and seed carpels rose a plump Christmas candle. Cones from the 18 native pines of California, interspersed with sprigs of Port Orford Cedar, were strewn from this centerpiece to both ends of the long table. Thanks to Lois Fink's artistic printing, each cone was labeled, showing to which pine it belongs. Ida Safley made festive place cards and favors to complete the table decorations. Need we add that a grand time was had by all who assembled around the table?

East Bay Bird Trip

Did the Sandpipers at the Berkeley Lagoon put on their breath-taking show especially for us on December 2? Never before have we seen them in such great numbers, nor in such continuous swift graceful flight! The Willets, Black Turnstones, and Bonaparte Gulls also came in for their fair share of attention; and we saw several Egrets a short distance beyond the lagoon.

The afternoon was spent at Lake Merritt, where we studied the many kinds of ducks, from the shy and exotic Wood Duck to the Pintails, Mallards, and the squat, contented little Ruddy Ducks. Sandy's Shoveler eluded us this time, but we had a splendid day just the same.

NSS CALENDAR

Due to the many holiday activities, there will be no further NSS events in December. See next YODELER for announcements.

ADD-LIBEING

DDT

Readers again are warned of the dangers involved in the indiscriminate use of DDT, in the November number of Natural History.

The author, assistant curator of the American Museum of Natural History, calls the powder "the atomic bomb of the insect world".

He warns that DDT should be labelled poison, and should be kept out of reach of children and animals; that birds eating insects killed by it also will die; and that DDT should not be used outdoors against plant pests until more is known about it.

Devil's Postpile

The National Motorist for June features the Devil Postpile National Monument, with this old friend of all Sierrans shown in a photograph on the front cover and described in an illustrated article inside the magazine.

Just why they call it Devil Postpile and the rest of us Devil's ditto your columnist does not know, and he gets no help from the 1912 Sierra Club Bulletin and from Place Names, both of which call it Devil's and then refer to the Devil Postpile National Monument.

Norman Clyde's article, "January Skiing in JUNE", also is included in this issue of the Motorist. He tells of his skiing experiences on the slopes of Bear Creek Spire.

Joshua Tree Endangered

Desert Magazine for November reports an organized effort to open Joshua Tree National Monument to mineral prospecting and operations.

Mining representatives attended a meeting in Riverside in September where they formed a county chamber of mines for the purpose of petitioning for the removal of present restrictions and thereby developing the rich deposits of iron, copper, gold and manganese in the monument.

Personnels

Louise Kern has been dropping in at the Club library in her spare time to do some of the odd jobs that are ever present. She's been dusting books, arranging them on shelves, taking inventory of our file of Bonanza, and so on.

Meanwhile, Virginia Ward has been doing yeoman work at the Tuesday evening meetings. A week ago Frances Blake, Louise Kern (again!) and Gus Pollard also joined in the fun.

Forest Closures (cont. from p. 1)
maps of extensive and repeated fires to convince me that their policy was justified. I know, too, by personal experience, what fighting forest and brush fires means; and from personal loss of all my possessions in the Berkeley fire of 1923 I understand what a brush and timber fire can do to a California community.

Data Prove Value of Closures

The Forest Service can show you such maps as were displayed by Assistant Regional Forester Wallace Hutchison in his talk before our Directors last Saturday. They can cite you facts and figures for years back. They can show you such statistics as the fire incidence in the Los Padres National Forest: in one particular area where there were 100 fires in the four years preceding closure there were only seven in the same length of time after closure; and those seven were all caused by either airplane crashes or lightning. They can remind you, if you have forgotten the war, that with many of their younger men gone to the armed services, their forces were so pitifully reduced that during the bad fire period this fall practically all their personnel--even from the Regional Office--was out on the fire lines in various parts of the state.

Private Rights Maintained

They can show you, moreover, that closure during high fire hazard periods has little effect on general recreational use of the Forests. All state and county roads remain open, campgrounds and recreational developments are unaffected. Where access roads have had to be closed off, chains which closed the gates may have contained as many as seven or more padlocks for the benefit of private owners whose right to pass through to their own holdings was thus maintained.

The Directors of the Sierra Club (who, I knew, did not need to be convinced of the justification) expressed their confidence in the closure policy. Moreover, if and when there be any congressional investigation of the Forest Service or its policy of closure, the Club will have a spokesman present.

Most of the opposition to the closure policy comes from certain sportsmen's groups. I must get in touch with some of them and discuss their ideas in a future issue of the Yodeler.

TIMBERLINE LODGE TO REOPEN

The famous ski lodge at Portland's back door is to be reopened this season, after having been closed since early in 1942, according to reports recently received.

Located on the slopes of Mount Hood, but 55 miles from Portland, the Lodge is reached by the Pacific Crest Trailways bus system to Government Camp and private pickup cars from there to Timberline. Through bus service may be established later. The present schedule calls for three round trips daily.

Lucky Portlanders! is all we can say.

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Director's Meeting (cont. from p. 1)
The Sierra Club's two films, "Sky-Land Trails of the Kings" and "Skis to the Sky-Land," have proven of such value in showing people far from the mountains what they look like and in explaining to people near or far just how the mountain regions may be enjoyed that the Committee is convinced there should be more such pictures. An appropriation was therefore requested for the purchase of film as it becomes available, and "shooting" will begin for a new winter movie within a short time. Plans for the new pictures are as yet only in the beginning stages, but it is certain that they will be slanted toward showing an interested public "how they do it."

Why Forests Are Sometimes Closed

Both Chet Morse and Wallace Hutchison of the Forest Service were present during a part of the meeting, and the latter gave a very clear explanation of the necessity of closing some forest regions during seasons of severe fire hazard. He asked the aid of the Sierra Club--whose members may be presumed to understand the need for such precautions--in helping other people to understand the closures. His talk is being reported in another column of this Yodeler. The Board voted a resolution of confidence in the Forest Service's dealing with its problems.

By-Law Amendments Approved

The Board gave unanimous approval to the proposed revisions and amendments to the By-Laws designed to clarify membership procedures and unify chapter administration. The amendments will be submitted to the vote of Club members early next year.

Appointments to standing committees will be announced in a forthcoming issue of the Bulletin.

BOLINAS RIDGE TRIP

Optimism Pays Off Well

In spite of a steady dompour the previous Saturday and threatening weather Sunday morning, seventeen hikers thought that the Bay Chapter's longest hike was worth the effort. Startin from the bridge near Camp Taylor, the leaders deviated slightly from the schedule and made the initial accent by way of anadjoining canyon. This variance was immediately noticed by Carl Pohlman, who crossed us up by asking the name of the canyon. Some quick thinking produced the name "Cougar Gulch", which seemed appropriate inasmuch as Ruth Carter is a Washington State alumna. Henceforth the first canyon west of Wildcat Canyon shall be known as Cougar Gulch. To those who have previously made the trip, the first part of the ridge seemed to be the same. But as we proceeded, the effects of the recent fire became more noticeable. Up to about the point of the lunch spot, it appears as if most of the trees will survive. From that point up to the Old Toll House, the fire must have been at its worst and it will be many years before the damage is hidden by the new growth. Even now, there are hopeful signs. Some of the manzanita bushes are already sprouting from the roots. The small redwoods are beginning to show their hardiness by sending up their shoots.

The group proceeded as scheduled to Rock Spring and West Point where we decided that a cup of coffee was a welcome stimulant after sixteen miles. From then on it was a race with the setting sun in a mad dash down the Zigzag fire trail. We won by a nose.

Once again this difficult but interesting trip is only a memory, but we can read the schedule and sneer when it says "for experienced hikers only."--L.B.

DECEMBER SCHEDULE OF WEST POINT CLUB

Dec.	1	Elisa Scaparone	TU 0514
	8	Florence & Fred Wilke	EV 1488
	15	Helen & David Dogert	MA 8531
	22	Al Duhme Mill Valley 8	J 2 or PR 2823
*	29-30	Louise Million Ave.	EV 0433
*	31-1/1	Special Committee	PR 2823

*Central Commisary

SIERRANS ENJOY THANKSGIVING DINNER

A true spirit of Thanksgiving prevailed at the dinner enjoyed by Sierrans at the Hotel Bellevue November 22. In keeping with the day, the fifty-two diners first observed time for a silent prayer of thanks, then sang the Doxology.

The tables at which the guests were seated had been charmingly decorated by Esther Crites, Julia Dearth, and Marjory Dickieson, and, according to Cy Washburn, "looked good enough to eat!"

Entertainment features included a "school" conducted by Esther Crites during the dinner, with each "pupil" required to give the answer to the question put to him; one of Roy Crites's famous readings; group singing for which Helen Maines Smith graciously played the piano; a drawing in which each of the six winners received a small American flag on a base (for desk or table); and a showing of pictures for which Loring Powell and Paul Moore gave running commentary.

CHAIRMAN EXPRESSES THANKS FOR GREENS

The Decorations Committee Chairman would like to thank all those kind people who provided the greens and berries which made the hotel dining room look and smell something like the mountain forests.

We received fir, cedar, and pine from Yosemite National Park, redwood from Cedric Wright, pine from Doris Leonard, hemlock from Mrs. Warren Olney, and we are especially grateful to our President, Mr. Duncan McDuffie, for greens and for the Toyon berries which could only be obtained as a gift from a private garden.

And to all those who worked so hard to gather, transport, and set up the decorations-- a very hearty thank you!

--Cicely Christy

NEAR-DISASTER AT NORDEN AVERTED

Rolf Pundt and Reg Hornberger may be credited with preventing a possibly disastrous fire at Clair Tappaan Lodge a week ago. His curiosity aroused by a smell of smoke, Rolf investigated, and found telltale wisps curling up from a piece of sheathing in the hall. A few minutes later he and Reg had traced the smoke to its source--they found jumping sparks, a charred board, and tar paper nearly ready to burst into flame. The source of the sparks? Oh, yes--a wire in the fire alarm system!

MORE EDITOR'S MAIL

Yodeleditor:

Since I am not unaccustomed to providing you news by writing up myself, I shrug off self-consciousness the more readily this time.

The following summarizes my outdoor activities this month (November):

Pico de Orizaba (or Citlaltepetl)
Cofre de Perote (or Nauhcampepetl)
Sierra de Ajusco (easy day for a lady)
Cerro de la Bateo (easy day for a lady's maid)
Nevado de Toluca (world's worst approach road)
Popocatepetl (to crater only in li ht torment)

The other mountains of the area -- Malinche (she-devil) and Ixtaccihuatl (sleeping lady) do not exert a luring influence on me even thou h I was too sick on Mexican food to try them.

The Mexican mountains are all nicely set apart from each other in Parques Nacionales and watched by Guarderillas Forestales, but do not have the variety or color that our own do.

Mexico is dotted with little outdoor clubs, and the Federation has an attractive hut on the road over the Pass of Cortes; a hut is abuilding at Tlamacaz at a high 19°- latitude timberline on Popo, a gay yellow quonset-like one already exists a little higher, close to the end of the road, and my report would be incomplete without mention of the ubiquitous iron crucifixes they decorate their montañas with.

So that, with the burros and their fagots, the high cornfields and conejos or mills, it all seems much like a Santa Cruz Mountain setting.

Your throat and diaphragm set you right on this. And the men of the smaller towns, sleeping in a thin zarape and eating next to nothing, walking fast from much before daylight to well after dark, while you keep up with them, make you feel indeed a tourist.

Nevertheless the element of adventure was second to a homesick feeling (for various non-interamerican reasons) which was heightened by the late plane departure.

There are (as I was encouraged beforehand to believe) plenty who speak quaint English, and the dictionaries are very incomplete.

I cannot close without a remark apropos of the Yosemite trip that there were

YODELEARS HEAR

--nothing but praise for the Annual Dinner Committee. They did a fine job.

--of Lt. Raffi Bedayn's arrival in Berkeley just about fifteen hours too late for the party. He sent Barby a telegram, though, which was delivered to her during the dance, to announce that he was on his way. He'll have about a week at home before reporting to Fort Ord for further orders.

--that Jack Riegelhuth and Betty and Terry visited at the Riegelhuth home in San Francisco between their return from Yosemite (where Jack served with the Ranger force this summer) and their departure for Portland, where Jack expects to work.

--that Lorin Trubschenck, busily involved with the Yosemite Ski School, was still looking for more ski instructors when last heard from.

--that Navy Lt. Ruben Schneider and Army Lt. Kenneth May and Capt. Randy May were among service men arriving in the Bay region just in time to attend the Annual Dinner.

--and that Captain Fred Kelley turned up at the Dinner with his wife (newly acquired and soon, we hope, to join in Sierra Club activities).

--of the marriage of Enid Hall to Joseph Carroll, in San Francisco, November 11.

--and (belatedly) of the marriage of Shirley Fuller to Jay Hathaway, on Treasure Island, March 18.

THE CLEARING HOUSE

An Army Nurse now stationed at Letterman Hospital says she is willing to sell some knee-length grey socks (size 8½) and heavy shoes (5-B) which she had bought when she thought she was going overseas--and then didn't. She can be addressed: Lt. Juliana E. Schano, ANC N784021 Letterman General Hospital, SF.

Mr. Ralph P. Watson, Box 256, Carmel, is interested to know of any skiers in that town willing to take an extra passenger to Norden between December 15 and January 15. Any takers?

We enjoy--and happily pass along--Ansel Adams's characterization of the jet-propelled plane: The functional Bronx Cheer!

but three light rains during our alta California "weather." -- John Montgomery
)))) "Unusual"? --Ed.

MAP-MOUNTING DIRECTIONS GIVEN

Have you some favorite maps you wish to mount? Of course there are two schools of thought as to the desirability of cutting a map into pieces and pasting the pieces laboriously on a cloth backing as against the simple process of spending some fifteen to twenty-five cents for a new topo sheet every few years. But if you are using a map which is out of print or for some other reason precious, then you may be interested in the complete directions published a few years ago at the Herbarium of the University of California and passed along to us by Annetta Carter. Annetta tells us that she has mounted many maps by this method and finds it very satisfactory.

Equpiment:

Large smooth surface (varnished ply-board, "Masonite," glass)
Straight-edge
Zinc strip, about 4" by 36" or 48" (smooth pressed board, "Masonite," etc. may be substituted)
Razor blades; razor blade holder
Small stiff brush (vegetable brush)
Photographic roller
Cloth (inexpensive muslin or sheeting)
Wall paper hanger's paste (dry)

Method:

1. Cut maps in sections the size that they are to be folded. Cut them on the zinc strip, using razor blade and straight-edge.
2. Put cut maps to soak in cold or warm water for at least 10 minutes. Do not leave them too long; they will tear.
3. Mix paste. Pour dry paste into the water, beating while adding. Make a fairly thick "batter", not stiff.
4. Wet cloth thoroughly, wring out excess water, and spread cloth on board. Brush out all wrinkles and air bubbles with stiff brush.
5. Spread a thin, even layer of paste on the cloth.
6. Remove maps from water a section at a time; allow excess water to drip off and place each section in its proper position on cloth. A space of approximately 1/8 inch should be left between sections to allow for folding.
7. After a map is in position and the sections have all been aligned, excess paste should be rolled out with photographic roller. This will also remove any air bubbles. The surface of the maps should then be washed lightly with a damp cloth to clean off [illegible] smears of paste.

Applications: (Cont. from p. 10)

Barbara A. O'Donnell	Ferdinand Klein
Burlingame	Louise H. Klein
Deidre Pearson	Marion R. Parsons
Berkeley	Frederick R. Peake
William J. Raab	Paul H. Williams
Oakland	R. C. Morris
Marjorie Read	Duncan McDuffie
Berkeley	Thomas Rieger
Jean Rieger	Thomas Rieger
Berkeley	Neill C. Wilson
Charlton H. Ryan	Leslie Toby
San Francisco	Fred Toby
Dr. Egon F. Schmerl	John L. Corvi
Piedmont	Ralph Kibbe
George E. Stewart, Jr.	Marjorie Hart
San Francisco	Virginia Ferguson
Ward H. Stone	Richard N. Burnley
Berkeley	Gloria Bond
Winifred Tarpey	R. C. Morris
Oakland	Edmund Chambers
Walter Van Sandt	Iwa Herzberg
Berkeley	Inge Eubahn
John Peter Weil	R. R. Johnson
San Francisco	Frank G. Meyer
Bruce Wilson	Neill C. Wilson
Burlingame	Thomas Rieger

8. Allow maps to become completely dry (usually requires 24 hours). Remove from board carefully. Trim edges, using straight-edge, razor blade, and zinc strip.

Suggestions:

1. Allow several inches for shrinkage when cutting cloth. If several maps are to be mounted at one time, cover mounting board with a single piece of cloth.
2. Do not have the cloth too wet, the paste too thin, or any excess water on the maps, as the paste will become so diluted that it will not adhere.
3. The paste, after mixing, may be cooked in a double boiler. This may insure longer life of the paste.
4. It is easier to align the sections of a map if lines are drawn on the cloth after it has been spread on the mounting board.
5. Additional use may be got from the razor blades if the corners are broken off (thus presenting a fresh corner) when they have become dulled.

Although Annetta does not mention this further refinement, we have seen maps given a protective coating of shellac which not only protects their surface from soiling and abrasion, but also renders the map[illegible] distinct and [illegible]ittle too,

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Mrs. R. W. Arns.....	L. B. Burnley
Berkeley	Alex Hildebrand
Lilias M. Brain.....	Omo Grimwood
Oakland	Maurine Pemberton
Dr. Nathaniel J. Brodke	
Oakland	John L. Corvi
	Ralph Kibbe
Cecil Burnley	Laurence Burnley
Alameda	Richard N. Burnley
Florence Burrell	Miriam C. Burd
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Larkspur	C. Harvey Mielenz
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Shirley L. George....	Thomas Rieger
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Dorothy M. Johnson...	Fred Rust
Oakland	Edmund Chambers
Mar[illegible] Kamper..	Rosemarie Bauman
Sa[illegible]	Walter Rivers
Louise M. Kern . . .	Jane Holder
San Francisco	Glenn L. Weber
Joan Kidd	Fred Rust
Piedmont	Edmund Chambers
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Maxine Littlefield .	Margery Fowler
Berkeley (17)	Duncan McDuffie
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Norman MacLeod . . .	Richard Burnley
Oakland	Gloria Bond
Marguerite Martin . .	W. J. Martin
San Francisco	Ruth Shattuck
Bernie Mazzaferri ..	W. J. Martin
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Jean Morse (16). . .	Mary Herman
San Francisco	Boris Herman
Irene Nelson	Ruby C. Nolan
San Francisco	Herbert Arner

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IT WON'T BE LONG NOW!

A lively Christmas party is promised by Chairman Glenn Weber and his active committee--and the date to remember is Friday, December 14th, from 8 to 12 p.m. The Scottish Rite Hall at Sutter and Van Ness in San Francisco will be the scene of festivities. Dancing will include square and mixer dances called by Sandy Tepfer, and entertainment will be interspersed to give a few minutes' rest from time to time. There will be exhibition folk dances, musical numbers and a special Snow Bunny act. Refreshments and punch will add the final touch.

The cost? Just $1.00, including tax. Get your tickets in advance from the Committee or at the club office.

Sierrans look forward to this occasion every year, and in 1945 they can enjoy a real peacetime party and share in the pleasure of welcoming many of the club's returned servicemen.